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SUBJECT: SENATOR HAYAKAWA'S GABORONE PRESS CONFERENCE

1. SUMMARY. IN HOUR-LONG PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 1 AT EMBASSY SENATOR HAYAKAWA TOLD BOTSWANA PRESS AND RADIO REPS THAT WHILE HE WAS ON A FACT-FINDING TOUR OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND HAD DRAWN NO FIRM POLICY CONCLUSIONS ON THE RHODESIAN SITUATION, HE (A) DOUBTED THE USEFULNESS OF THE AAP PRIMARILY BECAUSE HE CONSIDERED IT REJECTED BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT; AND (B) HOPED INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WOULD WORK BECAUSE ITS LEADERS WERE SINCERE AND IT APPEARED THE BEST AVAILABLE WAY TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF A DEMOCRATIC AND NON-RACIAL ZIMBABWE. HAYAKAWA CONCLUDED THAT IF AAP COULD BE SOLD TO NKOMO, HE WISHED THE GRAHAM-LOW TEAM THE BEST OF LUCK; HOWEVER,  
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HE DID NOT KNOW IF, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, EVEN THEY WERE GOOD ENOUGH SALESMEN. END SUMMARY.

2. HAYAKAWA SAID THAT IN SALISBURY HE MET WITH ALL EXECO MEMBERS (EXCEPT SMITH WHO WAS IN SOUTH AFRICA), GENERAL WALLS, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DAVID SMITH, FOREIGN MINISTERS VAN DER BY) AND

GABELLAH, AND LABOR LEADER ALBERT MUGABE, THE BROTHER OF THE ZANU LEADER. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, HE NOTED THAT MUGABE REGARDED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT AS UNWORKABLE AND DID NOT BELIEVE IN SINCERITY OF ITS LEADERS. ALTHOUGH HE, HAYAKAWA, COULD NOT YET COME TO ANY CONCLUSION ON THIS POINT HE THOUGHT THAT ON THE WHOLE MUZOREWA, CHIRAU, SITHOLE AND DAVID SMITH WERE SINCERE MEN WHO WERE DETERMINED TO HAVE BLACK MAJORITY RULE.

3. WHEN ASKED HOW THE FIGHTING MIGHT BE STOPPED, HAYAKAWA REPLIED BEST WAY WOULD BE FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS TO DECIDE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN A MULTI-PARTY GOVERNMENT WITH FREE ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT KNOW HOW MUGABE'S PRONOUNCEMENTS FAVORING A ONE-PARTY STATE COULD BE RECONCILED WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN SALISBURY. SIMILARLY, WHAT HE TERMED NKOMO'S DENUNCIATION OF BOTH THE AAP AND THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT (IN A SPEECH IN WARSAW) MADE IT DIFFICULT TO FIND A COMMON GROUND. THEREFORE, HE CONSIDERED THE WHOLE RHODESIAN NEXUS PUZZLING AND WOULD HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS ONLY PENDING FURTHER STUDY OF THE SITUATION.

4. NEVERTHELESS, HE THOUGHT THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT  
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MENT MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE TO SUCCEED AND, FURTHERMORE, HOPED IT WOULD BECAUSE THE SALISBURY LEADERS REALLY INTENDED TO HAVE ONE MAN-ONE VOTE. BASED IN PART ON HIS INTERVIEW WITH VAN DER BYL AND GABELLAH OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, HE CONCLUDED THAT BLACKS AND WHITES WERE ALREADY SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTING AS EQUALS. ON THIS POINT, HAYAKAWA SAID HE FIRMLY BELIEVED IN AN INTER-RACIAL RHODESIA AND, FROM A RACIAL POINT OF VIEW, CONSIDERED THE BRIGHTEST HOPE OF FUTURE PEACE WAS WITH THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND ITS POLICY OF MOVING AWAY FROM TRIBALISH TOWARD DIVISIONS ALONG LINES OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

5. CONCERNING THE HOVE AFFAIR, HAYAKAWA CONCLUDED THAT MUZOREWA WAS SIMPLY OUTVOTED TWO-TO-ONE BY SITHOLE AND CHIRAU WHO WANTED HOVE THROWN OUT.

6. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY ON THE SIZE OF THE BLACK FOLLOWING BEHIND THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT, HAYAKAWA SAID THAT ONE MIGHT ALSO ASK ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE NKOMO/MUGABE FOLLOWING

WHICH, HE UNDERSTOOD, WAS DEEPLY DIVIDED. FOR  
EXAMPLE, WHILE SOME FIGHTERS WERE ENGAGED  
IN GUERRILLA WAR, OTHERS WERE PLUNDERING AND  
ROBBING.

7. HAYAKAWA STRONGLY CRITICIZED ROLE OF SOVIETS  
AND CUBANS, PARTICULARLY IN ANGOLA WHERE, HE  
SAID, ANGOLANS HAVE LOST THEIR FREEDOM TO THE  
CUBANS WHO ARE IN EVERY MINISTRY.

8. WHEN ASKED EXPLICITLY WHETHER HE GAVE HIS  
BLESSING TO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT AND WOULD  
BRUSH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT ASIDE, HAYAKAWA REPLIED  
THAT THE REPORTER WAS JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS; IF  
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GRAHAM-LOW THE BEST OF LUCK. HOWEVER, HE DOUBTED  
IF, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, EVEN THEY WERE GOOD  
ENOUGH SALESMEN.

9. SENATOR HAYAKAWA DID NOT SEE THIS WRAPUP OF  
HIS PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM  
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